

## Comments to [JOT@wapa.gov](mailto:JOT@wapa.gov)

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This letter is to provide input for the JOT committee.

The process of the public meetings and listening sessions should lead the JOT and DOE to a single conclusion. The conclusion the JOT should arrive at will show WAPA has done a successful job at their mission. They continue to improve their infrastructure, look to the future and work with their customer.

The JOT in its work or listening sessions should weight the comments as to the number given and their importance. There were not priorities put on the recommendation. If one person spoke on an item or 100, there was no difference shown in the JOT recommendation. There should be a reference in the recommendation to the weight of each recommendation.

The Federal government has one of the greatest success stories that could ever be written, that being the positive industry and economic benefits regions and in return, the nation are receiving through the PMAs.

I encourage the report to the Secretary to be the following,

- Report the many positive items and policies WAPA has accomplished and continues to implement.
- The recommendations that are being successfully completed or in the process of being implemented should be removed from the JOT final report.
- Do not continue to study items in the region that are presently being done successfully.
- DOE should fund all aspects of the study and the JOT.
- Existing statute that governs the PMA's, including WAPA, should be researched and specified. The recommendations cannot be contradictory to existing law.
- Do not increase the reporting or oversight requirements of the customers.
- Mandate against cost shifts, not just minimize.
- Report the importance of beneficiary pays and the equity of the existing process of determining who the beneficiaries are, which determines the

magnitude of investments spread across all customers versus charged to “cost causers”.

The Jot team leaders were very clear that it was not the intent to make wholesale changes in any area. We believe it is extremely important in the written recommendation to narrow the scope of intent as memorialize what was verbally expressed by the JOT leaders. With changes in personnel, including the Secretary, if new staff and leaders look in the future and believe the JOT recommendations conveyed greater change than expressed verbally and in the report, change could create large cost shifts. These cost shifts could harm the customers which have paid the costs since inception. The customers count on affordable WAPA power as part of their supply to drive the local economy and drive rural economic development. To continue to study a recommendation the PMA is presently implementing and being done successfully is not prudent and increases the costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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